

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE, DE  
TUESDAY – JANUARY 14, 2003 – 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council President Castagno  
Councilman DiAngelo  
Councilman Reese  
Councilwoman Dr. Miller

**Also Present:** John Klingmeyer, Mayor; Janet Carlin, Treasurer; Robert Martin, City Administrator

**Absent:** Councilman Balascio

**UPDATE OF THE NEW CASTLE TO CHRISTINA RIVERFRONT HERITAGE TRAIL**

Information presented by Tim Plemmons. Jeff Niezgoda and Diane Szekely consolidated all information. Regarding The +/- ½ mile of abandoned rail between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Route #273. Lecture explained all goals as presented in booklet. There are present to get citizens input. (Handout are available at the City office.)

Charlotte Houben – Where are you getting funding?

Tim Plemmons – Division of Parks and Recreation, Paving Contract, Delaware Department of Transportation, and Delaware Trail.

Project will be done in two phases:

- A. Trail and Crossing
- B. Landscape and Benches.

Ned Hutchison – What about parking? Current parking is a nightmare.

Charlotte Houben – What kind of security? People want to feel safe.

Chris Castagno – First phase will be safe route to school.

**APPROVED BY DATE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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| Police Department Report  | December 2002 |
| Building Official Report  | December 2002 |
| Finance Department Report | December 2002 |
| Public Works Report       | December 2002 |

Mr. Reese moved to accept reports as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion Passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report read by Janet Carlin, Treasurer.

Dr. Miller moved to approve Treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting – December 10, 2002

Dr. Miller moved to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Castagno asked did we write a thank you to Park Benefactor?

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Castagno received a letter from Araspha Club requesting a grant of \$1,000.00. to continue their work. Clarify letter.

Mr. Reese said a letter was sent to schools and bus companies. Buses are just passing through town and not dropping off or picking up students.

Fulbright scholars are visiting New Castle. They were impressed with the town and people who spoke (Mayor Klingmeyer, Chief McDerby, and Mr. Martin).

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

None.

**BUSINESS FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Petition for annexation will appoint a Committee at proper time.

Proposed Victorian lighting would like thoughts and comments on street lighting.

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Comcast advising the prices for cable services. Rates will change.

Department of Transportation concerns:

Parking in front of Carrie Downie School will be investigated  
And advise of us of results.

**New Discussion**

Tree City USA participation. Delaware Department of  
Agriculture have been working on this for eight years.  
They will give City a tree and a plaque.

Acknowledgement of Mike Mulrooney, State Representative  
Is present. He thanked everyone for their support. State has  
Several issues coming up. Not much money available. Count

Mr. Reese asked about a rainy day fund.

Mr. Mulrooney said safe so far.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #418 on disposition of vacant and deteriorate structures  
in the City of New Castle.**

Dr. Miller motioned to table Ordinance #418. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed  
unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request from Sandra Pitts trading as "Hot Dawg Carts" to vent at the Wharf for the 2003 season.**

Mr. DiAngelo received a letter from Sandra Pitts. Recommends to approve request.

Dr. Miller motioned to grant permit. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bank Resolution in the amount of \$34,402.00 to pay E. Earle Downing, Inc. for contract #2002-02 City Wide Paving. Estimate #2.**

Dr. Miller read Bank Resolution. Dr. Miller motioned to approve Bank Resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion to sign Easement Agreement for New Gateway Sign.**

Mr. Reese paraphrased Agreement.

Mr. Reese motioned to have Mayor sign Easement Agreement. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bank Resolution in the amount of \$125,000.00 to reimburse the Municipal Services Commission for payment made to Day Star Sills for Police and Municipal Services Commission Design and Engineering of Police Station and MSC Building.**

Dr. Miller read Bank Resolution. Dr. Miller motioned to accept Bank Resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin – FYI – Will receive 40% back from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund. Project is proceeding well for this type of weather.

**Discussion and authority to apply for Re-Cycling Grant.**

Mr. Martin explained what is involved in applying for Grant.

Mr. Reese motioned to apply for Re-Cycling Grant. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of 2002/2003 Operating Budget Transfers.**

Dr. Miller explained need for transfer and listed how monies were used. **List Attached.**

Dr. Miller approved transfers. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Trustee appropriation for FY 2003/2004.**

Mr. Reese read list of request from City. City requests \$117,000.00 and \$85,000.00 a pass through Chief McDerby trying to manage the fleet.

Mr. Castango would like to request Trustee for park and park equipment. Request \$30,000.00.

Dr. Miller requested appropriation for FY 2003/2004. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

**Absentee Ballot Clerk Appointment:**

Mr. Castagno suggested Mr. David Ross for Absentee Ballot Clerk.

Mr. Reese nominated David Ross for Absentee Ballot Clerk. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo.

Dr. Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Reese.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Toner  
City Clerk